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This is a warning, pass the word

PRINCETON—If you get a call from someone identifying themselves as a phone technician performing a test, and this person asks you to touch nine (9), zero (0), pound (#) and then hang up—REFUSE TO DO SO.

By pushing 900 you are giving the individual that call access to your telephone call with charge appearing on your telephone bill. Kathy Di Meglio of the department of English at Princeton University said that this scam has been originating from many of the local jails and prisons.

Harlem minister calls NY mayor racist

NEW YORK—The Reverend Calvin O. Butts, 3d, described Mayor Rudolph Giuliani as a racist who is on the verge of creating a fascist state in New York City.

The minister of Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist Church, cited the mayor's indifference in the face of crumbling schools, hospital layoffs and police brutality as reasons for his observation. When asked in a recent cable television interview, Reverend Butts responded, "Yes, I don't believe he likes black people. And I believe there's something fundamentally wrong, because the way we are being degraded, the way we are mistreated, the way our communities are being devastated."

DC mayor mulling over future plans

WASHINGTON—Although some reports are saying that he will not seek a fifth term in office, a spokesman for Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry said that no decision has been made regarding his future.

The reports also said that Barry would accept a position with the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, but the organization's president, Henry Ponder, said that no formal request or application had been made. "If a formal request was made," said organization general counsel Leslie Bazekanski, "We would consider it."

Angelous tumors for Baraka in runoff election

NEWARK—Poet and author Maya Angelou appeared briefly at a rally to gather votes for the June 9 runoff election of Rufus Baraka, who is seeking an at-large seat on the City Council.

Angelou said that by seeking to enter public life in his hometown, he was following in the footsteps of his father, poet and playwright Langston Hughes. "This has brought me to Newark," she said before the crowd. "I have come to encourage Baraka to continue and for you to support him because you are his family and he will treat you like family."

Bill would provide tax relief for those with low income

BAYONE—Assembly Democratic Leader Joseph V. Doria, Jr. recently announced that he will sponsor legislation to provide income tax exemptions for an additional 280,000 working poor residents of the state.

According to figures provided by the Center of Budget and Policy Priorities, New Jersey ranked among the "right worst states" that taxes the incomes of families living below the poverty level. "The cost of living in New Jersey is unbelievable, many families are struggling to get by," said Doria (D-Hudson). "The savings under this measure would provide a real economic relief by allowing them to keep more of the money they earn."

Poll shows blacks, whites split on trooper performance

NEWARK (AP)—A poll taken in the aftermath of an incident on the New Jersey Turnpike in which two state troopers fired on a van carrying four minority men shows that blacks and whites have widely differing views on how fairly troopers do their job.

According to a poll conducted this month, respondents of all races were generally positive about the overall job being done by the state troopers. But black respondents were far more likely to say that troopers treat minorities worse than they treat others.

When asked to rate how effective

state troopers were at treating "all drivers the same regardless of race, sex, or age," 61 percent of whites said excellent or good. Only 20 percent of blacks respondents offered a positive assessment; 72 percent were negative.

When asked about profiling, 64 percent of blacks said they believe state troopers use race or age as reasons to pull over certain motorists, while only 29 percent of whites believe profiling is done.

"These results are remarkable," said Cliff Zukin, director of the poll. "In my 20 years of conducting public opinion polls in New Jersey I have

never seen a schism as wide as this between any two groups in the electorate. It is as though black and white New Jerseyans are living in different worlds in terms of their perceptions of state police."

In the April 23 shooting incident, troopers patrolling the turnpike stopped four New York area men—three blacks and one Hispanic—in a van for speeding. As the troopers approached the van on foot, the driver put the car into reverse, knocking one trooper to the ground and prompting the second to fire two shots, police said.

Authorities say the van continued in reverse across the southbound lanes, hit a car, then began moving forward toward the troopers—who fired nine more shots.

The shooting left three of the four in the van wounded, and renewed accusations that troopers target minorities for traffic stops. State police deny making stops based on race.

In a statement, state police spokesman John Hagerty focused on the agency's overall approval rating. He said the agency "is pleased to note that, overall, the public continues to

trust troopers, to believe in their ability to fairly and impartially enforce the laws and that, indeed, the public understands and recognizes the dangers that troopers encounter on the highway each and every day."

But U.S. Rep. Donald Payton, D-Newark, said he wasn't surprised by the poll's findings on perceptions of fairness.

"This poll is no surprise to me," Payton said. "I tell young people they have to be careful when they get out on the parkway or the turnpike because they will be profiled and stopped for no reason."

Mobilization seeks community action

Invites you to join in a celebration of community action



East Orange mayor Bob Bowser, top row at center poses with Mobil station owner Rich Byrd, children from the Dionne Warwick school and other participants in the "Mobilizing Our Community" event.

By g.r. mariox

The first of a series of events that mix corporate responsibility and activism took place recently in a celebration of caring and commitment called "Mobilizing Our Community."

The Mobil Corporation, which is spearheading this effort, held the kick-off event at their service station on Central Avenue in East Orange, Events in the "Mobilizing Our Community" will take place in the state of New Jersey this summer and fall.

Working in association with such

community partner as The National Council of Negro Women, 100 Black Men of New Jersey, NAACP, The National Black Nurses Association, D.A.R.E. and others, Mobil is turning service stations in East Orange, Willingboro and Neptune City into mini-festivals that will provide support for education, civic and health information, family fun and friendly service for members of the community.

To demonstrate their commitment to education in the community, Rich Byrd, owner of the East Orange station presented a charitable contribution to the neighboring Dionne War-

wick Institute of Economics and Entrepreneurship.

"According to Mobil Area Manager Gerald Johnson, "Because we take the term 'service station' literally, Mobil believes we've got to pump something into the community. So it's not enough to provide fast, friendly service. Mobil must also provide business and employment opportunities for members of the community, support education programs, spearhead clean-up projects and host civic activities like these."

Courts have said that race can be

Racial profiling of suspects panel focus

By Paul Shephard
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—When members of President Clinton's race panel turned their discussion to racial profiling by law enforcement officials, it struck a raw nerve with moderator and Harvard Law School Professor Charles J. Ogletree Jr.

Ogletree, a tall black man, told race panel members he has traveled throughout the world and has been stopped numerous times by law enforcement officers at airports who suspected the educator of drug trafficking.

"I can't fit the drug profile in all of these countries, can I?" Ogletree asked.

That question and others dealing with the vesting problem of race and the criminal justice system were discussed by a panel of scholars and law enforcement officials at the Advisory Board to the President's Initiative on Race at George Washington University Tuesday.

"We must ensure that stereotypes and prejudice, whether consciously or unconsciously, do not creep into the way we do," Attorney General Janet Reno told the panel and an audience of about 100.

While the discussion shed little light on whether overt racism is responsible for wide disparities among minorities and whites in police stoppages, criminal sentencing and violent crime rates, the panel heard a flood of statistics that clearly show that something is amiss when the issues of race and crime come together.

Blacks account for less than half of violent crime arrests but for 60 percent of prison admissions. And two-thirds of blacks say police racism is common across the country, and a majority of whites agree, according to figures from the Vera Institute of Justice.

A New York City-based group that produces programs to reduce youth crime.

Courts have said that race can be among the factors used in determining whether a suspect should be questioned, but several panelists suggested that racial bias in discrimination cases is still a problem.

"If you are the first person off the plane, you fit the profile of a drug courier. But if you are the last person off the plane, you also fit the profile of a drug courier," said Kim Taylor-Thompson, an associate professor at



President Clinton

the New York University School of Law.

"If you buy your (airplane) ticket with cash, you fit the profile of a drug courier, but if you use a credit card, you also fit the profile. It makes no sense."

Michael F. Yamamoto, a Los Angeles attorney, asserted that "using race as part of a profile is racist."

The sole defense of profiling came from Florida International University Professor William Wilbanks, author of a book titled "The Myth of a Racist Criminal Justice System."

Wilbanks said that in jurisdictions where police can seize proceeds from drug arrests, it was "rational" for police to stop young black male motorists than elderly white women because young black men are more frequently involved in drug trafficking.

"When they get to seize the proceeds, who do you think they are going to stop?" Wilbanks asked. "You are almost asking them to discriminate."

The meeting was the eighth in a series of race panel gatherings. One more is scheduled before the group writes its final report for President Clinton.

Police Alert: \$5000 reward for info on burglaries

PLAINFIELD—The city of Plainfield and the borough of North Plainfield have recently experienced a rash of burglaries in which homes that are obviously occupied are entered and cash and other small valuables are taken.

In some of the incidents the homeowners were confronted, and in one case, a purse was actually taken from a victim's hand. Entry was generally gained through an unlocked back door or window. In some instances a door was simply kicked open.

The time frame for the crimes was from dark until about 1 a.m. but burglaries were actually taken from a victim's hand. Entry was generally gained through an unlocked back door or window. In some instances a door was simply kicked open.

The perpetrator has worn a ski mask and no other description other than a thin black male of indeterminate age is available.

In that these types of burglaries are particularly dangerous, a task force of officers and support personnel have been assigned to work around the clock to identify the perpetrator or perpetrators of these crimes.

The task force consists of members of the North Plainfield Police Department, the Plainfield Police Division, the Union County Sheriff's Office and the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office.

The Union County CrimeStoppers is also participating in offering a reward of up to \$5000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the criminals.

Persons with information are requested to contact any of the following:

Plainfield Detectives Larry Brown or Jean Calvin at 908-756-7720.

North Plainfield Detective Jerry Klein at 908-769-2925.

Union County Prosecutor's Office, Plainfield Project at 908-791-2070, or

Union County CrimeStoppers at 908-654-TIPS (8477).

Anyone who wishes to have a home security inspection is urged to call—for North Plainfield, Officer Robert Matari at 908-756-7721 and for Plainfield, Lieutenant Sid-don W. El-Amin 753-3088.

Minority journalist may boycott convention

SEATTLE (AP)—The city could lose millions of dollars if minority journalists from across the country boycott a national convention here because of the passage of an anti-affirmative action initiative.

If passed in November, Initiative 200 would ban preferences for women and minorities in state and local government hiring, contracting and university admissions, effectively putting an end to Washington's affirmative action programs.

The Unity conference, held once every four years, is expected to draw between 6,000 and 8,000 black, Hispanic, Native American, and Asian journalists when it meets here in 1999.

Vanessa Williams, president of the National Association of Black Journalists, said members are questioning whether the convention should be held in a state that may soon prove itself hostile to the very philosophy her organization was founded upon—creation of a work force that reflects an increasingly diverse society.

Williams, a Washington Post reporter, said another question black journalists are asking is: "Is Seattle going to be a fun place where we will enjoy hanging out and spending all our money?"

That money could total \$9 million in direct spending if Unity came to town, the Washington State Convention and Trade Center estimated.

"Losing the Unity conference would be a major loss, because they're a very prestigious group," said John Christien, president of

the state convention center in Seattle.

County Executive Ron Sims, the first black to hold the post, said the situation is a reminder of how dramatically Washington's national and international image could improve if I-200 passes.

"Image is very powerful when people are making decisions about where they want to spend their discretionary dollars," he said. "If I-200 passes, we stand to lose our progressive reputation. And people don't like to vacation in areas with questionable reputations."

John Carlson, who is heading the I-200 campaign, said the initiative's passage would Washington a leader in moving beyond race-based policies.

The National Association of Black Journalists is missing the point, he said.

"Journalists' organization should be focused on good journalism, not political correctness," Carlson said. "This organization has done the pro-200 camp a favor by showing the absurdity of dwelling on race. I can understand siding yourself by news beats, by filling

with sports writers. But I don't understand why they are still dividing themselves by race in 1998."

Sims said issues of race do matter in the hospitality industry. He pointed to the experience Arizona had when it rejected a holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr. in 1990. The state estimates the ban on the holiday, which stood for only two years, cost \$300 million in lost convention revenue and the 1993 Super Bowl.

Even if I-200 passes, it may not be necessary for the convention to be moved to another city, said Ron DeMain of the Native American Journalists Association. DeMain, who heads the board organizing the conference, said most Native Americans could list dozens of cities whose policies are hostile to them, but that doesn't mean they shouldn't go there.

Besides, if I-200 passes, the convention would be an opportunity to showcase what the workplace of the future will look like to a state still in the past, he said. But what happens with the convention will likely hinge on what the National Association of Black Journalists, which has over 3,000 members, decides to do. It is the largest of the four attending organizations—including the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and the Asian American Journalists Association.

Herbert Lowe, the secretary for group and a reporter at the Philadelphia Inquirer, said members will debate the issue at its national meeting in Washington, D.C., in July.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

ATLANTA—The 10th Anniversary Festival, scheduled for July 10-18, will showcase the work of more than 1,500 artists in disciplines including music, theater, film, literature, dance, performance art, visual art and folk art. 404-730-7315.

ACAPULCO, MEXICO—Univorld Entertainment and the Black Filmmaker Foundation announce the second Acapulco Black Film Festival from July 13-19th. 212-219-7159.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The NJ State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on wills and estate planning from 7 to 9 p.m. at the NJ Law Center.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

PLAINFIELD—In honor of Older Americans month you are invited to celebrate the 14th Annual Art Exhibit at the Plainfield Senior Citizens Service Center from 12 to 3 p.m.

NEW BRUNSWICK—A free, public conference on "Seniors in the 21st Century" will be featured in recognition of Senior Citizens Law Day from 10 to 1 p.m. at the NJ Law Center (off Ryders Lane). For more info, call 1-800-FREE-LAW.

NEW YORK—The Whitney Museum presents "Unknown Terrain," the first major New York exhibition of Andrew Wyeth's work. For more info, call 212-570-3633.

SCOTCH PLAINS—How to Deal with Oppositional Behavior: What to do when your child refuses? will be the topic of a program sponsored by the Mothers Center of Central New Jersey at 8 p.m. at the Scotch Plains Library.

NEWARK—Please join Donald Payne and the Consortium for Africa at 9 a.m. in the University Hall Theater at the NJ Institute of Technology. 973-645-3213.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

NEWARK—Thirty-eight contestants from NJ, NY and CT will take to the stage as finalists in the 12th Annual NJM Hispanic Youth Showcase at 7 p.m. at the NJPAC. 973-648-7085.

NEWARK—Drama Squad, Inc. presents "These Days and Times" at George Washington Carver Elementary School beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. 973-312-0066.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

SOMERSET—A "Collaboration for Effective Schools in the Next Century and Beyond," a NJ School Boards

Assoc. Urban Education Spring Conference from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. 732-365-1700.

HEMPSTEAD—The 25th Anniversary of the Hempstead for Holocaust-Holocaust for Hempstead Testimonial Scholarship Ball will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Hempstead University Main Dining Room, Student Center, North Campus. 516-443-5027.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

MONTCLAIR—Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s Montclair chapter, is sponsoring a Walk-A-Thon for Sickle Cell Disease at 11 a.m. in Nisquan Park on the corner of Cedar Avenue and High Street in Montclair. 973-325-6388.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

MONTCLAIR—The only professional Mine Institute in NJ, will hold its 17th annual Mine Workshop at Montclair State University through June 20th. 973-763-9545.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

NEWARK—Become a reading tutor. Volunteer Training and Orientation from 6 to 8 p.m. 973-623-4001.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

JERSEY CITY—The Dept. of Continuing Education of Hudson County Community College offers "Calligraphy" from 6 to 8 p.m. 201-714-2107.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

NORWOOD—The New Hope Baptist Church of Hackensack will be holding a Black and White Evening of Elegance from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Colonial Inn. 201-489-8550.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

PRINCETON—"Learn to Fly Mon!" will be celebrated at Princeton Airport with an Aviation Open House. 609-921-3100.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

Carlford—Union County College host workshop outlining role of student skills in enhancing a technological environment to be held through Saturday at the Carlford Campus. 908-709-7542.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH

NEW YORK—The 22nd annual American Crafts Festival at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts through June 14th. For more info, call 973-746-0091.

Send events to: CN Community Calendar, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, N.J. 07060 or FAX to: 908-753-1038

Ground breaking for affordable housing



PLAINFIELD—Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari, at left, and Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr., at right, joined, from left, Assemblyman Gerald Green, New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency Executive Director Timothy J. Touhy, Plainfield Mayor Albert McWilliams, Dean R. Mon and his partner Lewis Fromkin of Arlington Associates (the private developers) for the ground-breaking ceremonies in Plainfield for Arlington Heights, a community of 22 affordable condominium houses, being built on the corner of Randolph Road and Arlington Avenue in Plainfield.

Nurses get pinned

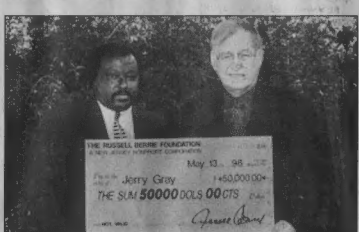


JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College nursing students Susanne Sorce (second from left) of Bayonne, Marjorie Powell-McGregor (center) of Hillsdale, Denise DeSouza of Jersey City, and Peter McDermott of Maplewood were among those congratulated by Dr. Eileen Gardner (left) of Livingston, chair of the JCSC Department of Nursing. At a recent campus reception and pinning ceremony, Both Mrs. Sorce, a staff nurse at Bayonne Hospital, and Ms. DeSouza, a clinical manager at Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center, received Nightingale Awards and Mr. Powell-McGregor, a clinical manager at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, received a Nightingale Award and a Spirit of Nursing Award. Mr. McDermott is an emergency room nurse at the Hospital Center on Orange.

Williams is April Employee of the Month

ELIZABETH—Union County Corrections Officer Eric Williams was recently chosen as April's Employee of the Month by the Union County Manager. Officer Williams was chosen for counseling young people. Presenting the award are, from right, Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, County Manager Michael J. Lapolla, Officer Williams with a resolution from the Board of Freeholders. With Officer Williams are his wife Michelle (holding his hand), his three-year-old daughter Kayla, held by his 15-year-old son Glen, and other members of his family.

Gray honored for heroic deed



MAHWAH—Russ Berrie, founder, chairman and CEO of Russ Berrie and Co. congratulates Jerry Lee Gray of Irvington; "Russ Berrie Prize for Making a Difference" awards dinner held at Ramapo College of New Jersey recently. Mr. Gray was one of three finalists who received a check for \$50,000. Gray placed himself in harm's way for the most noble of causes, the preservation of human life. Last year, he and a friend rushed into a burning building in an attempt to rescue two children reportedly trapped inside. Gray was critically injured in this effort to save the children and his friend sacrificed his life.

Black people respond to targeted marketing campaigns

According to a report by Packaged Facts, black people are highly receptive to financial services that are marketed to them. Example: Deluxe Corporation, by creating a check series commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, exceeded their market projections by 15%.

*Packaged Facts is a product of FIND/SPY Research Publications Group

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Minority Business Journal

The Minority Business Journal is a monthly publication focusing on minority and women business enterprise in New Jersey and New York City. MBJ regularly features the accomplishments of minority and

women businesses, information concerning maintaining and expanding business, opportunities available for minority entrepreneurs, a calendar of events, editorial and commentary - issues facing minority businesses. MBJ offers an excellent forum for classified and display advertising and special business and professional card directories. MBJ provides an important communication link in the information network vital to the growth and economic development of minority communities.

Minority Business-to-Business Directory

The Minority Business-to-Business Directory is a directory of minority- and woman-owned businesses and companies committed to doing business with minorities. The Directory networks minority businesses, identifies minority and women businesses with whom public and private sector businesses and agencies can contract for products and services, and exposes a growing force of minority businesses to the general consumer. The Directory features listings and advertising as well as provides a resource guide for minority and women entrepreneurs and potential entrepreneurs to help facilitate starting and maintaining a business. The Minority Business-to-Business Directory includes listings from public and private sector businesses and agencies, minority and woman-owned business and small businesses. A delineation of ownership is provided with each listing. The Minority Business-to-Business Directory is a tool for the growth and expansion of minority and women entrepreneurs and economic development in the African-American community.



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Northern Business Systems appoints Johnson

MAHWAH—Northern Business Systems, an office equipment supplier headquartered in Mahwah, NJ, has appointed Jeffrey L. Johnson to the position of Executive Vice President, with responsibility for sales efforts for Toshiba and Ricoh equipment in New York City, New Jersey and western New York State.

Johnson joined the company in 1986 as a sales representative and was named Director of Sales in November, 1996. He had been "Salesman of the Year" for three consecutive years before moving into the management position.

After gaining a degree in accounting from Montclair State



Jeffrey L. Johnson

University, where he starred on the basketball team, Johnson joined a cooperative education program with the Internal Revenue Service for a year before working with the production control department of National Tool and Manufacturing Company.

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Dr. Beverly L. Hall, Newark Public School District Superintendent, was one of the celebrants at the recent Deal Awareness Day at Bruce Street School. Dr. Hall invited the community, patrons and friends to witness how these students use technology and other means of communication to excel without letting their hearing incapacities stand in the way of obtaining the best education possible.

Athletes Anthony Davis, Jason Edwards and Kishayne Virgo will be recognized for winning the national 4x200 meter relay title at the National Scholastic Indoor Track and Field Championships in Boston and at the Penn Relays Championship in Philadelphia. The girls track team of Princeton, Hazelwood, Lukens Lewis, Miriam Jackson and Novia Green were honored for winning the Union County Relay Championship.

Lanette C. Freeman of South Orange is among 14 Thurgood Marshall scholars graduating from college this year. The graduating students were 1994 recipients of the prestigious merit scholarship, the only national scholarship awarded solely through black public colleges and universities.

Freeman received her bachelors degree in Chemistry from Lincoln University this month. This scholarship helped her to fulfill her dream to attend a school that has a great heritage and history, she said.

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

Pennsylvania's location key to popularity with hate groups

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Pennsylvania ties for fourth among the 50 states in the number of hate groups operating within its borders, according to an Alabama-based organization that tracks hate groups.

Twenty-one hate groups are operating in the state, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center. For reasons unclear, the state has been one of the most fertile to hate-group growth.

Pennsylvanians are no more prone to hatred than residents of other states, human rights officials said. The high rank due to the activities of the Ku Klux Klan and other groups that have focused on recruiting here, said Loretta Ross, director of the National Center for Human Rights Education in Atlanta.

"The reason they chose Pennsylvania is because of your geography. From here, they could branch out to Ohio, Maryland and the whole Eastern seaboard," Ross said.

Planned boycott against advertisers shunning minority radio

NEW YORK—The Reverend Al Sharpton threatened to organize a boycott against companies he accused of threatening advertising from New York City radio stations because their audience is primarily black and Hispanic.

The boycott would be aimed at 10 companies including Staples, Continental Airlines and Starbucks, Sharpton said. He was taking this action after he saw an internal document from a company that said advertising time for mainstream radio stations. In the document, sales representatives were instructed to warn companies against placing ads on stations with a majority of black and Hispanic listeners because "advertisers should want prospects, not customers."

Reverend Sharpton said he considered the memo as a strong message that black and Hispanic residents "are just going to be used as a tool in advertising, it not only limits listenership, it minimizes the humanity of the people in our community," he said. "It tells people, 'don't invest in our community.' We cannot tolerate that."

Report traces millions to questionable New Jersey group

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—A growing number of young children are selling fund-raising candy in front of supermarkets, banks and door-to-door while working long hours in dangerous conditions, according to a KTVU-TV report.

The report traced much of the cash from the children in California to questionable adult hives in New Jersey.

The report found children as young as eight selling candy on school days and nights, far from home, left alone for hours and often earning less than minimum wage.

Most of the children are black and Hispanic, but brought to middle- and upper-class neighborhoods to sell candy. The report said the children are being targeted by the poor minorities, Fremont police Officer Paul Mayo said. "The kids are being exploited. It's money for enslavement."

"No In Action is registered as a tax-exempt, not-for-profit corporation. Its registered owner, John Granatino of North Bergen, N.J., told KTVU he works for Haiman Winers, who refused to comment.

Mr. Winters is married to Gerald Winters, now serving 34 years in federal prison for assault, arson and racketeering.

Shut Rahner of the U.S. Attorney's office in Newark, N.J., said Winters made millions of dollars with his candy operations.

Law and order or discrimination on historic black beach

AMERICAN BEACH, Fla. (AP)—This historically black beach has been threatened by heavily defended, but not fully protected, problem as teachers and homeowners clash over behavior and security.

On one side are the thousands, mostly from Jacksonville, who visit the historic beach on spring and summer weekends. On the other side are about 40 permanent residents who deal with the weekly disruption caused by the waves of visitors.

"It's a public beach and we want people to come and enjoy it," Ms. Phelps said. "You want to see a beautiful scene, you don't want to see someone drop his pants and drop down to use the toilet."

The community was formed as a beach for blacks in 1935 by the Afro-American Life Insurance Company when blacks were prohibited on other beaches.

On a recent Sunday, about 100 officers from six counties, some with German shepherds, showed up to prevent fights and other troubles which broke out the two previous Sundays. And another huge police presence was expected Memorial Day weekend.

NAACP celebrates communications and hiring in three-day meeting

BALTIMORE—Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman William Kennard addressed the NAACP National Board of Directors (Board) and the Special Contributions Fund Trustees (Trustees) at a recent NAACP Board meeting where he announced that the FCC will seek reconsideration of the affirmative action decision in Luthern Church-Missouri Synod v. FCC.

The NAACP Board and Trustees were in Baltimore, MD for a three-day series of meetings.

It was so disappointed when the Circuit Court last month held the FCC rules on equal employment opportunity unconstitutional," said Kennard in announcing the decision. He pledged to take whatever legal action is necessary to reverse the Luthern Church decision.

In Kennard's remarks, he praised the NAACP Economic Reciprocity Initiative that is currently reviewing the diversity record of the telecommunications industry. "I publicly supported that initiative as soon as it was announced," Kennard said.

One thrust of Kennard's remarks focused on the disparity in access to technology between low-income communities and affluent communities. "How do we make sure that this revolution—communications helps people not just in Montgomery County but in downtown Baltimore," asked Kennard. He pointed out that 78 percent of schools in affluent communities have Internet access, but only half the schools in low-income areas have access. He stated that the percentage of white children with home computers is triple the percentage of black and Latino kids.

Kennard asked the NAACP for its continuing help in eliminating the disparities that currently exist.

Prior to Chairman Kennard's address, Baltimore City Mayor Kurt Schmoke spoke to the Board and Trustees about the distress and waste in urban cities. Mayor Schmoke drew biblical parallels to the commitment of the NAACP to addressing the issues facing urban America. He commended NAACP leadership for being a "strong partner" and expressed delight at start-

ing the next millennium with the NAACP convention in Baltimore in the year 2000.

NAACP Chairman Julian Bond extended the invitation to Chairman Kennard and Mayor Schmoke to the luncheon so that the Board's decision could be "being enriched with information from those leaders who can help the Board carry out its NAACP mission."

The three-day meeting ended with a pledge to fight a Washington state initiative that would end affirmative action in government hiring, contracting and college admissions.

The country's largest and oldest civil rights organization agreed Saturday to spend \$50,000 to oppose Initiative 200, which is on the November statewide ballot. The group also agreed to hold its quarterly board meeting in October in Seattle, "to further underscore the significance of this action."

Initiative 200 would ban preferences for women and minorities in government hiring, contracting and college

admissions. That would eliminate most state and local affirmative action programs in Washington.

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume said the organization is making the effort because the 1996 approval in California of Proposition 205, which outlawed many of the state's affirmative action programs, caught the group off guard.

The organization suffered through a \$4 million deficit, which diverted attention to fund raising from fighting for civil rights. The group finished two of the past three years with more than a \$2 million surplus.

"We've reached a healthy plateau and we can now afford to look at civil rights issues more closely," said Julian Bond, who was presiding over his first meeting as board chairman.

The group also endorsed plans to hold a million-youth march in Atlanta in the fall and support the Congressional Black Caucus' appeal for President Clinton to demand AIDS a national emergency. The disease is now the No. 1 killer of blacks between the ages of 25 and 44.

NCNW judges meet to choose Excellence in Teaching Award winners

WASHINGTON—Once upon a time, the greatest challenge teachers faced was to ensure that America's children mastered reading, writing and arithmetic. Today, in addition to their long-standing roles as community leaders, they must often serve as mentors, parents, and for many children, a sole source of hope and inspiration.

Each year, on behalf of public school children and their families across the nation, the National Council for Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) pays homage to these guiding lights by presenting its prestigious Excellence in Teaching Award to seven remarkable educators. Sponsored by the Shell Oil Company, this award was created in honor of NCNW founder, Mary McLeod Bethune, to recognize and reward public school teachers who continue their legacy by instilling a thirst for knowledge in African-American children.

Recently a special panel, comprised of members of the NCNW

Commission on Education, met to select one national and six regional EITA winners. Nominees are recommended by sections and members, parents, students, administrators and community residents.

Candidates must teach grades K-12 in an urban or rural school that has a 30 percent enrollment of African-American students. More important, they must inspire a high level of achievement among those students, represent excellence in the teaching profession through outstanding contributions to their field, and distinguish themselves among their colleagues and peers.

"I feel very privileged to participate in this process," said judge and former EITA winner, Dr. Deborah L. Davis. The Excellence in Teaching Award is important because it recognizes not only the accomplishments of seven individuals, but also the fine work African-American teachers all over the United States are doing to educate black children."



Editors from across the country recently met in the nation's capital to choose the winners of the 1998 Excellence in Teaching Awards. Pictured, top row from left, Dr. Deborah L. Davis, Bill Wilkes, Emma, Joyce Bristol, National EITA coordinator Kay Butler, Sherrine Barkville, Bottom row from left, Dr. Gloria Gilmore, NCNW chairperson Dr. Dorothy Height and Lois Galliard.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

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NEW YORK—A Marketing and Sales Expo will be held at the Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers. For more info, call 212-582-2334.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

NEW YORK—The National Minority Business Council offers a three-day seminar in Electronics, Computers and Export Management Training at the Waldorf Astoria Conference Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For cost and more info, call 212-753-4462.

PHILADELPHIA—A business forum will be held at the Philadelphia Marriott Hotel from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. 900-598-5331.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

NEW YORK—The NYU Hospitality Industry Conference will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Waldorf Astoria. For more info, call 900-598-5331.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 2

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WARREN—A business card exchange will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Riquettes Club. 900-729-1522.

JERSEY CITY—Hudson County Community College offers Excel Version 5.0 training from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. 201-774-2107.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

MOUNT OLIVE, NJ—The International Trade Center Lecture Series presents a seminar on "Global Economics" at 10:00 noon. For more info, call 973-448-9096.

Experts advise black women to become more financially savvy

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—As African American women advance in their careers and businesses, the 1998 Black Entrepreneurial Conference (A.A.W.O.T.) empowerment conference series focuses on teaching women to become astute consumers and to invest their hard-earned dollars wisely. Slated for May 29-31 in Detroit, June 5-7 in Philadelphia, June 10-12 in Brooklyn, N.Y., Aug. 1-3 in Atlanta, G.A., and Aug. 28-30 in Washington, D.C., experts in financial management, estate planning and business development will share their strategies for achieving prosperity and overcoming some of the challenges that Black women face in their economic pursuit.

In all five cities, A.A.W.O.T. offers "Money Management: Achieving Prosperity and Debt Free Living," hosted by Citibank F.S.B. and presented by Oakland-based financial consultant Gladys Bridgforth who advises women to become their personal debt and banker manager their income. "The Mind of a Millionaire," will be conducted by motivational speaker Traci Lynk who stresses that you have to think like a millionaire to become one.

In Detroit, Washington, D.C. and Atlanta, Detroit-based stockbroker and financial talk show host Gail Perry Mason will present "Money Matters for African American Women," who offers a "crash course" on investing in the stock market.

At A.A.W.O.T.'s Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. conferences, computer consultant Simona Nicholas will conduct a seminar on "F.S.B. and presented by Oakland-based financial consultant Gladys Bridgforth who advises women to become their personal debt and banker manager their income. "The Mind of a Millionaire," will be conducted by motivational speaker Traci Lynk who stresses that you have to think like a millionaire to become one.

In Brooklyn, N.Y., author-financial editor Julie Fairley will conduct a seminar on "The Secret Black Millionaires," based upon her newly released book "Money Talks: The Best Advice for Black Financial Experts." Financial adviser Gwen Cohen will help women develop strategic financial plans in a workshop entitled "Making Money Work for You."

A.A.W.O.T.'s goal is to focus on all aspects of contemporary living include career management, fitness and health maintenance and personal relationships. Conference highlights include "An Evening with the Authors" book signing hosted by Ensign magazine; and various forums with topics ranging from entrepreneurship, sponsored by Mobil Oil Corporation; to sexuality; and preventive health care, hosted by the Kellogg Company and Coca-Cola Avel magazine.

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Jersey an agency generates big results

NEWARK—For the past five years, Correct Communications, Inc., a Newark, NJ-based marketing and communications firm, has been retooling traditional marketing strategies into fresh, new methods that attract a multiracial consumer base to everything from girl dolls to men's grooming products. Only recently, this firm began working with New Jersey-based companies such as the Northern New Jersey Maternal/Child Health Consortium in Paramus and Crossroads Theatre Company in New Brunswick.

Correct Communications, Inc. specializes in advertising, public relations, event marketing and strategic planning. "We began the agency with successful work for Maybeline," recalls Carol Lynn Patterson, APR, president and founder of Correct Communications. "Our reputation for innovative strategies generated word-of-mouth exposure for us, and we began working for more national companies such as Gillette, Black Expo USA and the National Association of Black Broadcasters. It's only been the last six months that we've sought clients locally and are truly excited at the prospect of doing more work at home."

For such an unassuming discipline, marketing certainly has the power to make or break the launch of a new product or to regenerate the image of a market place standard. And though Correct Communications, Inc. implements many of the traditional strategies, what sets the company apart from others is its keen understanding of the depth and nuances with which multi-ethnic consumers make buying decisions. Currently, it is these consumers that have the power to swing the pendulum of profit toward today's hottest products.

"Through comprehensive research and practical experience, we have discovered that there are several more detailed, and distinctive, layers of social/emotional decisions made by ethnic consumers between the awareness and trial phases usually explicated in traditional marketing," points out Patterson. "These include understanding, believability, trust and acceptance."

Patterson also points out that there are five generational impacts at various life stages that also significantly impact buying decisions, and Correct masterfully takes advantage of these motivations and turns them into consumer preferences.

Knowing that uncovering a new way to do things means nothing if the results aren't there, Correct Communications' new business presentations are filled with dazzling results they've garnered for national accounts. For example, their exclusive advertising campaign for Gillette's Sensor Excel resulted in a 29-percent increase in sales. According to Patterson, the key to the campaign was the agency's ability to tap into the social passions of African-American men.

For the launch of Pleasant Company's Adly doll, Correct Communications devised a strategy that protected the company's reputation and the product's integrity within the Black community. Pleasant Company, the highly successful marketer of historical characters known as The American Girls Collection, sought to introduce its first African-American doll—Adly.

"Because Adly depicted the Civil War Era, she was introduced as a 'slave,'" Patterson explains. "Knowing of the highly sensitive social implications such a doll could have, Correct Communications implemented an integrated marketing program which included African-American opinion leaders' testimonials, prime consumer trade events and a media relations campaign introduced at the National Association of Black Journalists conference in April, 1997, and abundant media coverage. Adly was greeted by consumers with extraordinary acceptance and strong initial sales figures."

This year, the company has embarked on a new relationship with Crossroads Theatre Company—America's premier professional African-American Theatre Company and one of New Jersey's cultural gems. "Our strategy with Crossroads is to build national awareness of the theatre's rich 20-year history, and its genuine prestige within the African-American community," Patterson offers.

In the future, Correct Communications plans to expand aggressively with New Jersey's pharmaceutical companies and health care organizations. Patterson also points to an effort to attract business from the state's utility and transportation companies.

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INROADS training program to start in South Africa

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—INROADS, Inc., an international not-for-profit career development organization for minority students, announces it will, license its successful minority training and leadership development program to a group of inter-borough Johannesburg corporate and community leaders to form INROADS South Africa.

INROADS currently offers more than 930 corporate clients access to 6,200 of the most talented minority students in the United States, Toronto, Canada, and Mexico City, Mexico.

Under a recently signed licensing agreement, INROADS, Inc. will assist INROADS South Africa with affiliate start-up, operational procedures, corporate and student recruitment, student training, technical support, and general office set-up to ensure the organization's success. Stephen Rolfe, INROADS managing director of the North Carolina affiliate will initially supervise the licensing arrangement on site in Johannesburg for three months.

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Business loan finances natural foods operation

TRENTON—A small business loan to The First Occupational Center of New Jersey in Orange illustrates the Fund's interest in businesses which will create job opportunities for low income persons and those with disabilities.

The 41-year-old FOCNJ is the state's oldest and largest nonprofit vocational rehabilitation and placement organization.

It owns and operates several businesses which provide permanent jobs, as well as teach vocational skills that prepare disabled persons, senior citizens, welfare recipients, juvenile offenders, displaced workers and other disadvantaged people for employment.

For nine years, FOCNJ's production division engaged in packaging and labeling product for a privately-owned business called Java Natural Foods, retailing its products as "Nature's Delight." The company packaged and retailed healthy snacks such as nuts and fried fruits, and continued to be a source of employment and training for FOCNJ to expand the customer base.

The New Jersey Community Loan Fund provided a \$75,000 loan for the acquisition of Java distribution base, introduce several new products and develop a strong sales campaign that will include the use of vending machines.

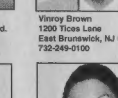
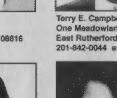
FOCNJ owns and manages several operations: Recycling, Building Services and Groundkeeping. Production, Lakeside School and the Temporary Residence Agency. Accredited by the State of New Jersey, FOCNJ's success has been its consistent strategy of reducing dependence on government funding and subsidies for revenue. At present approximately 72 percent of FOCNJ's revenue is income earned from its businesses.

The fund's loan to FOCNJ is partially financed from its Disability Enterprise Program and the balance from its small business lending program.

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"Remember the 'Rule of Three'." Compare at least three institutions before you decide where to do your banking. The closest bank is not always the best choice.

"If you are an ATM frequenter, don't do business with a bank that charges you to use it. The average bank charges \$1 for each use of the ATM machine."

That may not sound like a lot of money, but think of it this way—If you use the ATM only twice a week, that's over \$100 you are paying a year to use your own money. Consider looking elsewhere to bank if this is a service you have made a habit.

"Don't order checks from your bank. If you do, you are paying up to three times as much as you should. Banks charge \$12-15 for the same checks you can order through the mail for \$5. Whether

Religion Calendar

SATURDAY, MAY 30

EAST ORANGE—The East Orange "March For Jesus" will host their annual "March For Jesus" on Saturday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the East Orange Senior Center, 1000 Springdale Avenue, gathering at 11 a.m. You are encouraged to bring songs and banners and to pray and end the name of Jesus. Information pertaining to all March locations is available by calling "The March For Jesus" Hotline at 973-672-6988.

IRVINGTON—"Voices to God" if a gospel extravaganza will be held at the Christian Pentecostal Church at 7 p.m. 973-676-6998.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

PLAINFIELD—This is your personal invitation to Pentecost Sunday Celebration at House of Power Church of God in Christ at 11:30 a.m. Free dinner after morning service, all you can eat. Evangelical gospel concert at 7:30 p.m. 973-561-6966.

NEWARK—The Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry will once again honor Newark's High School Seniors at Basilica of the Sacred Heart, beginning 6 p.m. 973-481-6650.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

NEWARK—It's Gospel Month again! The kick-off and celebration will be held at Newark City Hall, Municipal Council Chamber 2nd Fl. Room 11, at 1 p.m. For more info, call 973-705-3151.

NEWARK—Get ready for the World Gospel Music Association 29th Annual Convention and worship registration is now underway for the first week of October. 973-371-7539.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Broadway play entitled, "Another Chance," a gospel musical drama, written by Melvin Marie Ford will appear at Crossroads Theatre through August 2nd. 732-247-2991.

MONDAY, JULY 27

PLAINFIELD—The Christian Fellowship Gospel Church will host a "First Service" through July 27th. Service start promptly 7 p.m. 908-769-6888

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Summer travelers face higher prices

FLOHAM PARK—Motorists hitting the road for the Memorial Day weekend will find gas prices up slightly for the first time in seven months.

Memorial Day travelers in Essex, Morris and Union County area will find average per gallon fuel prices have increased by one cent in the last month, reports the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club.

Traditionally, gas prices increase beginning Memorial Day weekend and continue to rise throughout the summer months due to increased travel. This year is no exception. Prices this summer will still be less than last year even though gasoline travel is predicted to soar to 32.1 million travelers - up one percent from last year's record high of 31.8 million. A recent survey of A.A.A. affiliated service stations in Essex, Morris and Union Counties by the Florham Park-based Club reports the following per gallon gasoline prices for the holiday weekend: regular, unleaded, \$1.03; mid-grade, unleaded, \$1.14; and premium unleaded, \$1.21.

Per gallon gasoline prices in New Jersey average: regular, unleaded, 5.9¢; mid-grade, unleaded, \$1.14; and premium, unleaded, \$1.17. Motorists who travel out of state will find the national average self-service gasoline price is \$1.16 per gallon. Approximately 14 percent of the service facilities surveyed in the local area will be open 24 hours during the holiday period, while 100 percent plan to remain open into the early evening hours.

Summer travelers can also expect to face higher total vacation costs this summer. The average cost for meals and lodging for a family of four is \$218 per day, \$19 more than last year. Meals for two adults and two children will cost \$108 per day, \$4 more than last year. The cost of lodging rose \$15 per night to \$110 for a family of four.

Baggage X-ray can ruin undeveloped film

By Rick Sammon
For AP Special Features

Planning to take an airplane trip to a picturesque location and do some picture-taking? Then the Photographic and Imaging Manufacturers Association (PIMA) has an important warning for you: Keep your undeveloped film with you—and don't check it through baggage.

The warning was sparked by the recent introduction of new baggage-scanning technology expected to enter service at airports worldwide. The new equipment, now in limited use but expanding, uses a combination of X-rays and computed tomography (CT scan).

"If the equipment sees anything that it's been programmed to examine close-

ly, it turns on a high-powered scan," says Tom Duffey, PIMA executive vice president. "This more powerful inspection can cause unwanted streaks and fogging which ruin your pictures."

"We appealed the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) for making the skies safer for air travelers. We want to make sure that travelers understand this new guideline: Don't put undeveloped film in your luggage."

Professional travel photographers and photojournalists have been hand-carrying their film for years, or at least hand-carrying as much film as possible.

If you plan a trip that will take you and your film through several security checkpoints at airports, follow the advice of the press:

"If the equipment sees anything in your carry-on bags as possible.

• Before leaving home, remove the film cassettes from their boxes. This reduces the bulk of your film supply. Pack your film in large plastic sandwich bags for placement in your carry-on bags—and for stuffing in your jacket pockets. (Safari-type jackets are ideal for photographers who travel with lots of film.)

• FAA regulations in the United States provide for a hand search if requested. So, ask as pleasantly as possible for a hand inspection. (In Britain and Germany, all film, and all carry-on bags and other items, are put through X-ray machines. So, no matter how much you ask for a hand search, your request will be denied.)

• If you have too much film to hand-carry (some pros take more than 500 rolls on an assignment), use a caron han-

dier to ship your film. This is only effective if the carrier certifies that your film will not be subjected to X-rays.

The vast majority of X-ray equipment used for hand-carrying baggage examination uses a level of X-rays that is safe for most film—even in multiple scans. Even so, if you plan to pass your film through the security checkpoints, use the slowest film speed possible.

One way to reduce the risk of film damage is to have your film processed at your destination. The one possible drawback to this option is that you may not get the same quality of photo-finish as you get at home. However, if you go this route, you should still carry your valuable pictures with you. That's because it's possible that your suitcase—and your pictures—will get lost.

New Hope Baptist celebrates new era

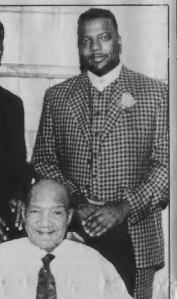
NEWARK—The New Hope Baptist Church installed Reverend Joe A. Carter as co-pastor of one of Newark's largest African-American churches. The week-long celebration of praise, worship and service included a variety of distinguished speakers from across the nation and culminated with the official installation ceremony and youth worship service.

"Just as Elijah passed the mantle to Elisha and God raised up Joshua to succeed Moses, I have been led by the Lord to name Rev. Joe A. Carter as my successor at this branch of N.H., St. Pastor Rev. Dr. Charles E. Thomas said.

In an unprecedented move towards the new millennium, the Reverend Dr. Charles E. Thomas, Sr., pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, named Reverend Joe A. Carter as his successor during Installation Ceremonies where Carter was installed as Co-pastor. Pictured, from left to right are John A. Reed, Pastor Charles E. Thomas, and Rev. Joe A. Carter.

Rev. Joe Carter, age 27, a native of Oklahoma, served as assistant pastor of New Hope. During his four-year tenure as assistant pastor he was instrumental in developing programs such as Wednesday afternoon bible classes for seniors and Youth Fellowship. A Sunday evening service focused on teaching the gospel to youngsters.

Founded in 1903, New Hope Baptist Church was rededicated in 1987 at 100 Sussex Avenue in Newark. The church also owns New Hope Village and 111-119 Sussex Avenue where it runs a food and clothing ministry for the needy, houses a daycare center, and the Marion P. Thomas Charter School.



Internet airline reservations begin to take off

By Glen Johnson
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—More Americans are using and conducting business over the Internet, a new Commerce Department study has found, and few places is the trend more apparent than in the airline reservations business.

Using new services that let them act as their own travel agent, increasing numbers of fliers are going on-line to book flight times and air fares and to buy their own tickets.

In 1996, Internet users booked \$276 million worth of travel business on-line—80 percent of which was for airplane tickets, according to the study released Wednesday. In 1997, the volume tripled to \$827 million, with airline tickets again constituting the bulk of the business.

By 2000, the Commerce Department predicts, on-line travel sales could total \$5 billion. That is expected to trail only Internet sales of computer products and books.

Operations of on-line travel services say their product is perfectly tailored for point-and-click devotees.

"The Internet—with its pictures, its ability to show you a video clip, its offer ratings of different hotels—is really the perfect service for those travelers who want to be in control of their destiny," said James Marciano, vice president and general manager of Sabre Interactive. The company operates easySabre and Travelocity, two of the most popular Internet reservations services.

But travel agents say they won't

soon die out, noting that even with the explosive growth in Internet sales, on-line reservations are projected to account for no more than 8 percent of airline tickets sales by 2000.

"Certainly the Internet has exploded in terms of its use by all segments of the population, but the fact remains that there is no way a machine is going to replace the peace of mind that travelers get from working with another human being," said James Ashurst, spokesman for the American Society of Travel Agents.

Another possible impediment to growth is the lingering fear among some Internet users about the security of using their credit card over the World Wide Web.

The Commerce Department study, called "The Emerging Digital Economy," found that information technology—including business on the Internet—is growing twice as fast as the overall economy.

The industry employs 7.4 million workers, some of whom earn among the nation's highest average salaries. Meanwhile, Internet traffic has doubled every 100 days and Internet commerce among business will likely surpass \$300 billion by 2002, the report said.

Travel reservations have boomed as vacationers discovered they could go on-line and get highway directions, recommended itineraries, photos, hotels and other information such as the local weather. The airline ticket services link computer users to the same reservation systems used by travel agents and airline reservations agents.

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF DISCRIMINATION AT HILLCREST VILLAGE APARTMENTS AND LEXINGTON VILLAGE APARTMENTS

On April 8, 1998, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey entered an order resolving a lawsuit brought by the United States Department of Justice against the owners, managers and rental agents of Hillcrest Village Apartments and Lexington Village Apartments in Clark, New Jersey. The lawsuit alleged that the defendants had discriminated against black persons who sought rental housing there. Under this order, you may be entitled to receive monetary relief if you asked about or applied for renting, or rented, an apartment at Hillcrest Village Apartments or Lexington Village Apartments and:

1. You were denied an opportunity to live there because of your race or color or the race or color of someone who would be living with you or
2. You were falsely told that no apartments were available because of your race or color or the race or color of someone who would be living with you; or
3. You were otherwise discriminated against on the basis of race or color in connection with your occupancy at Hillcrest Village Apartments or Lexington Village Apartments or your attempt to rent a unit there.

If you believe you were discriminated against because of race or color at Hillcrest Village Apartments or Lexington Village Apartments, or if you have any information about persons who may have been discriminated against there on the basis of race or color, please contact the United States Department of Justice at 1-800-896-7743. You may also write to:

United States Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division
Housing and Civil Enforcement Section
P.O. Box 65998
Washington, D.C. 20035-5998

NOTE: You must call or write no later than ninety (90) days from August 8, 1998.

Obituaries

Dorothy Donegan, 76
Flamboyant jazz pianist

Jazz pianist Dorothy Donegan, known for her flamboyant performing and dexterous mixtures of musical styles, died of colon cancer at her Los Angeles home. She was 76.

While she was known for jazz skills, Donegan also excelled at ragtime, boogie-woogie, gospel, blues and classical music, sometimes blending touches of these various styles in the same song. Fans were introduced to her virtuosic talents at her live performances, which included playing complicated pieces with only her left hand.

Among her albums were, "I Just Want to Sing," and "Dorothy Rumps—A Piano Retrospective." Donegan received an American Jazz Masters fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts in 1992.

Wilfred Little, 78
Brother of Malcolm X

Wilfred Little, who introduced his younger brother, Malcolm X, to the Nation of Islam and was a long-time official of Detroit's first Nation of Islam temple, died May 19 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He was 78.

The eldest of the Little children, Little related the others after their parents died. He joined the Nation of Islam in 1947 and later served as secretary and founder of Temple No. 1 in Detroit.

Paterson students have scholarship fund
PATERSON—Graduating seniors from Paterson are invited to apply for a scholarship to assist them to pursue a college education at any accredited college, university, technical or art school, according to Carrie L. Askew, president of the Agape Scholarship Fund. Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average to be considered, and the scholarship committee will evaluate each applicant based upon their participation in extra-curricular activities.

Detroit and several others in Michigan.

After the assassination of his brother in 1965, he went to work for Michigan Bell as a manager in public affairs. In 1982, the company lent him to focus on a civil rights and social service agency, where he worked until he retired in 1988.

Rudy West, 65
Lead singer of the Five Keys

Rudy West, who in almost 50 years as the primary lead singer of the Five Keys made a long series of recordings that hit the R&B and pop charts, died on May 14 of a heart attack at his home. He was 65.

The Five Keys first recorded on the Aladdin label in 1951, often doing R&B renditions on pop favorites like "The Glory of Love" and "Red Sails in the Sunset." They later moved to Capitol and topped a R&B single, "Sound with pop hits like "Wisdom of a Fool" and "Out of Sight, Out of Mind."

In an interview a couple of years ago, West said that, although he was frustrated, he was not bitter at his lack of success. While the group had an abundance of talent and is credited as musically helping to build the bridge from the Ink Spots to the Temptations, just couldn't cross it.

Fund president Carrie Askew. Our goal is to assist graduating seniors in getting a college degree. Interested seniors should request an application form from their high school guidance counselor or by calling the Scholarship Fund directly at 973-278-4390.

"SUPPORT OUR YOUTH IN CELEBRATION OF THE YOUTH INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OF THE NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH"
The Youth International Program of the North Baptist Church is a program of the North Baptist Church (Rev. Dr. Thomas D. Thomas, Pastor) at the North Baptist Church, 1000 Springdale Avenue, Newark, N.J. 07102-1000. The program is open to all youth who are interested in the program. For more information, please call 973-775-3076.

Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27
ROSELAND—The American Diabetes Assoc. Eastern Region needs volunteers to help forward now to plan its annual premier walk-a-thon, America's Walk to Diabetes. 973-225-1022.

FRIDAY, MAY 29
WESTFIELD—The Nat'l Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County presents a workshop on "Mastering the Art of Treatment Planning" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the NCADD offices. Pre-registration is required. 908-233-8310.

SATURDAY, MAY 30
EDISON—The Mid-Jersey Chapter of The Nat'l Multiple Sclerosis Society presents an all day education program for MS clients and their families at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Arts from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 732-643-0010.

MONDAY, JUNE 1
NEW BRUNSWICK—Support and education group for women and their family members with breast cancer. Meets twice a month at the Cancer Institute of NJ, 195 Little Albany Street. 732-235-6761.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2
NEW BRUNSWICK—A three week course to prepare new parents to care for their infant with Down Syndrome. Registration required. 715 p.m.

Take Medical Precautions when traveling

By Dr. Mark Sloan
New York University School of Medicine

People with chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes, chronic lung disease, or heart problems, may wonder whether they can travel far from home. The answer is yes, provided they take some common sense precautions. As part of their preflight checklist, travelers with existing medical conditions should consult their personal physician regarding any special precautions they may need to take. This includes making sure medical supplies will be sufficient to last the entire trip, plus any unexpected delays. It is also advisable for the traveler, particularly one going abroad, to carry information describing, for example, his medical condition, a copy of a recent electrocardiogram (ECG), as well as a list of all medications and dosages being taken. Also, a medical alert identification bracelet or necklace should be worn by anyone with a significant medical condition.

Most people with heart disease, which has stabilized are fully capable of travel, but it is usually not recommended for those who have had a recent heart attack, have unstable angina or uncontrolled congestive heart failure. Again, a consultation with your personal physician is advisable before planning any trip.

If you are out of shape, be sure to ask your physician for a gradual exercise program that starts weeks before you leave. A trip abroad usually involves a considerable amount of physical activity.

If you have diabetes, talk to your physician about any adjustments in insulin doses and timing that may be necessary, especially if traveling across several time zones. Be careful with your insulin since it can deteriorate if either frozen or exposed to temperatures of 100 degrees or more. The best way to transport insulin is in an international time zone with you in a specially designed insulin top pack that is sold in most pharmacies.

Airline meals may be delayed or inedible, so a person with diabetes should carry snacks, such as crackers, dried fruits, or nuts. Sugar cubes or candy should always be on hand in case of insulin reaction.

Before embarking on a long trip, people with a chronic lung disease should determine how much walking, climbing, and high altitude exposure the trip will involve. It's also a good idea to find out whether you'll be exposed to severe pollution, humidity, or pollen. Air travel decreases the partial pressure of oxygen in the blood and may cause symptoms in travelers with chronic lung disease. Supplemental oxygen is available on most, if not all, United States airlines, but must be ordered in advance.

For people with stomach disorders—particularly those with decreased stomach acid activity as a result of ulcer surgery or those using medications that inhibit stomach acid release—extra care should be taken in food and water consumption.

By Minister Abdul Alim Muhammad, M.D.

The prevalence of obesity in the United States has been well-documented. Affecting well over a third of the adult population and a significant percentage of children, obesity is associated with many leading causes of death in the population, especially heart disease, hypertension, cancers, diabetes and other chronic debilitating illnesses. As is true with many health problems, African Americans suffer disproportionately from obesity. This in part accounts for our higher rate of death and disease from the above named illnesses.

A survey done two years ago by the Nation of Islam Ministry of Health and

Human Services showed that the average female member of the Nation of Islam is clinically obese, which is to say more than 20 percent above ideal weight or above 28 on the body-mass index. The average male member of the Nation of Islam, while not obese, was overweight. Although this report is not perfect, in all likelihood, it reflects better health standards for members of the Nation of Islam than for the general Black population, which means that we as a people are in serious trouble.

The technological advancement of America's economy and the recent transition from labor intensive industries to "behind-the-desk" information ones has also reduced the level of physical work that is done by the average American. In most countries the population is kept lean not only because food is scarce, but

also because of the hard labor that is necessary to sustain life.

Further, the fast food "culture" has exploded in recent decades so that nowadays it is not uncommon for the majority of a family's meals to be purchased under consumed outside of the home. Fast food also increases the intake of non-nutritional food calories since most is fried. Because they contain a higher percentage of fat, fried foods also contain a higher number of calories. One gram (1 gm) of fat produces nine kilocalories (9 kcal) of heat versus four kilocalories (4 kcal) of heat from one gram (1 gm) of carbohydrate or protein. This means that the same amount of a fatty food will produce twice the weight gain as foods that are low fat or have no fat.

Coupled with the lack of calorie expenditure on watching TV, weight

gain is inevitable. Could it be that one of the keys to effective weight maintenance is to turn the TV set off? In some residential neighborhoods at certain hours of the day it is almost impossible to see children outside at play. They're all indoors watching television rather than exercising their bodies. Could this inactivity in childhood lead to adult obesity? Being the laziest nation on the face of the earth, as Black America currently is, certainly is not a distinction to be proud of. Let us stay away from the fast food and turn off the TV set and learn more appropriate eating behaviors. Since we no longer get all of the physical activity that we need from our work, let us develop daily routines that involve at least a moderate amount of exercise for 20 to 30 minutes at a minimum...and please, no gimmicks!

Know The Warning Signs of Stroke

NORTH BRUNSWICK—Each year about 600,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke or "brain attack." Stroke is the No. 3 killer of Americans and the No. 1 cause of serious long-term disability.

In 1995, stroke killed 157,991 people—including more than 96,000 women—and left many of those who survived with severe disability. If you miss the warning signs of a brain attack, you may be putting your senses, speech and memory in danger in a matter of minutes.

The American Heart Association wants everyone to know the warning signs of a "brain attack" and that stroke is a medical emergency.

From the 1998 American Heart Association Stroke Awareness Month is "Stroke Is a Medical Emergency — Call 911!" Learn the warning signs of stroke and get immediate medical help if you see them. The warning signs of stroke or brain attack are:

- Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg on one side of the body.
- Sudden dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye.
- Loss of speech, or trouble talking or understanding speech.
- Sudden, severe headache with no apparent cause.
- Unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls, especially along with any previous symptoms.
- Every second counts! The moment you notice one or more of these signs, the American Heart Association urges you to seek medical help immediately. Early detection and immediate treatment of stroke may prevent some of its damage.

For more information about Stroke Awareness Month, the risk factors and warning signs of stroke, call your local American Heart Association or call 1-800-AHA-USA1.

Muslim community sponsors health fair

PLAINFIELD—Iman Abdul-Wali Muhammad announced the National Muslim Community of Masjidullah will sponsor a Community Health Fair on Saturday, June 13, from noon to 5 p.m. The United Muslim Community is a not-for-profit group with good health and a healthy community.

Masjidullah, located at 321 Grant Avenue, Plainfield, with the participation from area Health Care professional will have booths for Nutrition, Health & Diet, Pediatrics, Cholesterol, HIV, Diabetes, High Blood Pressure.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse and an Abuse Crisis Center. Plainfield High Center offers health care professional available for counseling. Masjidullah has requested the state closing of the 300 Block of Grant Avenue on Saturday, June 13. They plan to have outdoor activities for the children in the street. Parents are invited to bring their children.

Information can be obtained by calling Masjidullah at 908-361-6297 or Mahdheh Mujallid at 908-757-6496. Vendor tables available.

Dealing with motion sickness

By Dr. Paul Hammerslag
New York University School of Medicine

You've been planning your trip for months. You waited anxiously for your passport and raced to the port, but now all your worries are behind you. You took the champagne and lean back in a deck chair, ready to enjoy your dream cruise. And then suddenly you are struck by the undeniable sensation that you are going to throw up.

What you have is not the flu, but seasickness. It is one of the most common forms of motion sickness, which also can occur when riding in cars, trains or airplanes.

Motion sickness occurs when the brain receives mismatched sensory signals for motion. This happens when the inner ear, which monitors balance changes, perceives movement—the rocking to and fro of a cruise ship, say—while the eye detects no motion. The most common causes of motion sickness are visual-vestibular conflict—motion sickness—as traveling on a large ship, which may seem to the eye as steady as a land-based boat, and reading in cars. Up to a point, seasickness may be less likely on small boats, where the eye can easily detect the rocking of the boat in the water. The severity of turbulence is also a factor.

Symptoms of motion sickness include nausea, dizziness, lack of appetite, perspiration, yawning, increased salivation and general malaise. It is not clear why some people get motion sickness and others do not. Age, gender and general state of health are usually unrelated to the propensity to become nauseous on boats.

The first thing to do if you get motion sickness is to try to bring your eyes and inner ear into sync. If you're

on a cruise, go up to the top deck and look out at the water. If you're in a car or train, put down your book or magazine and take a look outside the window. In either case, if you can, open a window and get some fresh air or wind blowing on your face. In a ship, another form of sensory input from the outside to enhance orientation.

Many medications can help people whose vestibular system—or inner ear—is challenged by motion. Many over-the-counter antihistamines, including Dramamine, will suppress the vestibular system and reduce sensations of nausea. Another medication that can steady the dizzy seafarer is meclizine (Bonine). All of these medications can cause drowsiness. One powerful vestibular suppressant is scopolamine (Scopace), which comes in the form of a skin patch and is used by Navy sailors who have trouble with seasickness. People with known motion sickness will often use the skin patch prophylactically before going on a cruise—to prevent any symptoms of seasickness from occurring. The patch should not be used by children, however, and special care should be taken in the case of the elderly or people with certain chronic medical and psychological conditions. Consult your physician first.

A related problem to seasickness is disembarkment syndrome, in which the passenger continues to feel the rocking sensation of a boat or a plane returning to solid ground. It is normal for this feeling to last for a few hours. In some rare cases, however, the body's vestibular system fails to accept the solid ground for days after a cruise. If this happens, consult a physician. Medication may be required to suppress the vestibular system, and in extreme cases, it may be necessary to undergo balance therapy to reprogram the inner ear.

Cancer survivors celebrate life at Columbus Hospital

NEWARK—Columbus Hospital will sponsor its second annual Celebration of Life, a gathering for survivors of cancer on Saturday, June 6 between 1 and 4 p.m. in the hospital parking lot. The celebration will include a brief program, food, and entertainment.

"Cancer survivors had an opportunity to interact with each other and share stories of survival last year," said Roslyn Dilligard, RN, oncology clinician and event coordinator. "Cancer survivors often meet in doctors' offices or clinics and discuss their disease. This event allows them to rejoice and celebrate their life instead," adds Dilligard.

Columbus Hospital has a Cancer Support Group which meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Hospital auditorium. The group responds to the needs of those who say they want a place where they can accept themselves and work out cancer issues with the help of those who understand because they are facing the same issues. The group includes both patients and doctors' offices or clinics who share experiences and cope with the impact of a cancer diagnosis.

For more information on the event or the Cancer Support Group, call Roslyn Dilligard at 973-268-5834, Diana Hoover at 973-268-1413, or Dina Matas at 973-268-3674.

Keep your colon clean

Cleaning the inside of your body is just as important as cleaning the outside. In addition to helping you feel better, colon cleansing is a preventive measure against colon cancer.

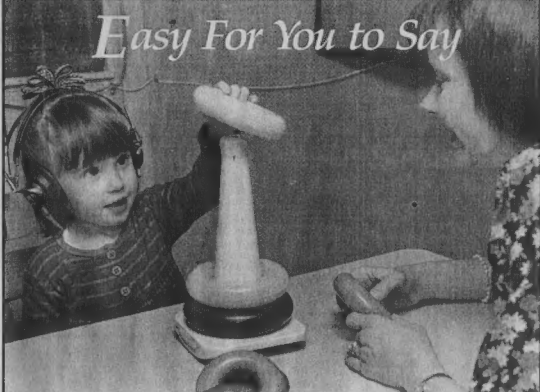
The purpose of colon cleansing is to begin the process of cleaning old, encrusted, hard, poisonous fecal matter and mucus build up from the colon. For best results, it is necessary to make a food transition. For most people this means that a fatty food intake should include more fresh fruits, fresh vegetable juices, salads and slightly steamed vegetables. You should eliminate all pork and by-products of pork, all red meats, all white sugar and by-products of white sugar (use raw honey, raw sugar, stevia, molasses or maple sugar), all white flour and by-products of white flour (use sprouted, 100% whole wheat or rye breads...). You may have your choice of seafood, but white fish is excellent for this program, and poultry, not fried and not more than 4 times a week which is every other day.

The cleanse does not change your normal life style. People tend to think when we say go on a colon cleanse that it will be necessary to say near a

restroom. This is not true at all. The colon cleanse will not have you tied down, normal activities are still allowed. Many patients have decided to have their children's colon cleansed. Death begins in the colon because of parasites, and tapeworm infestations.

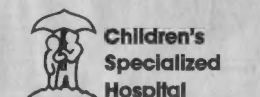
- You will need:
 - Herbal Laxative (Cascara Sagrada, LBS II-B-X, CLT-X Senna, Herb, Pump, Sp Form-I, Buckthorn)
 - Phyllium Huffs Combination
 - Nature's Three
 - Hydrated Chlorophyll
 - Liquid Bentonite
 - Reverse Osmosis or Distilled Water
 - 100% Apple Juice
 - +12 oz. Shaker or Jar with top
 - Tablespoon and measuring cup
- For more information, call Leney's Nutrition Center at 973-624-0090 or 973-624-7771.

Your diet certainly plays a part in keeping your bowels running smoothly. Regularity varies from person to person. But generally, bowel movements occurring anywhere from three times a week to three times a day are considered to be normal.



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center presents An Evening With Nelly Wilson in the Prudential Hall. Concert begins at 8 p.m. For ticket info, call 1-888-GO-NJAPAC.

INDIANAPOLIS—Indiana Black Expo will feature three nights of music at this year's 28th Annual Summer Celebration from July 17th through July 19th. 317-425-2702.

HEMPSTEAD—Hefette USA Productions will be holding auditions for The Man Who Came to Dinner at 7 p.m. in Emily Lowe Hall, South Campus, with callbacks to follow. 516-453-5042.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

NEW BRUNSWICK—The NJ Symphony Orchestra is pleased to present legendary pop singer Nancy Wilson who will perform a combination of her classic hits and songs from her new album, Love, Nancy. Performance takes place at 8 p.m., at the State Theatre in New Brunswick. 1-800-255-3476.

PHILADELPHIA—Internationally acclaimed Philadelphia 28th Spring Concert Series will be held through May 30th at Ardmore City Center's Zellerbach Theater. 215-387-6200.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

NEWARK—NJAPAC Family Time Series Presents "Hispanic Youth Showcase" in the Victoria Theatre at 7 p.m. For more information, call 1-800-GO-NJAPAC.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The New Jersey International Film & Video Festival premieres new films and videos at Rutgers University, the State Theatre and Borders Books through July 26. For more info, call 732-932-8452.

SARASVILLE—The Club Bene presents its 5th Retroactive Swingfest. Doors open at 7 p.m. Swing dance lessons will be from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with the first band hitting the stage at 9 p.m. 732-727-3000.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

PLAINFIELD—Second Street Youth Center will host its 1st Annual SSCV Queen City Chess Championships at the Youth Center located at 635 South Second Street.

EAST BRUNSWICK—Plainfield Health Center's 2nd Annual Queen City Ball and Silent Auction from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. 908-753-6491.

NEWARK—The all-female Uptown Street Quartet brings its brilliant technique to the NJ Performing Arts Center's Victoria Theatre at 8 p.m. 1-888-GO-NJAPAC.

Scoop Du Jour

With the pressures of superstardom looming over 19-year-old Brandy Norwood's head like a rain cloud waiting for the perfect opportunity to pour, one might wonder if the singer, who also acts, can be sugar and spice and everything nice all the



Brandy time.

Reasons who Brandy might succumb to ego tripping include: several Image and Soul Train Awards, one Billboard and one American Music Award and five Grammy nominations. In addition to that, the star of the UPN's sassy grace show "Moesha" acted long side Whitney Houston in ABC's "Cinderella," a show viewed by more than 60 million homes. At only 14-years-old she sold four million debut albums on the strength on the platinum single "Baby," "Brokenhearted" and the ghetto girls anthem, "I Wanna Be Down." To add more fuel to envy, in what she says is the only relations she's ever had, dated Wanya Morris, the most visible member of Boyz II Men.

Reflecting on her live, Brandy

Crossroads presents 'Another Chance'

NEW BRUNSWICK—Another Chance, a Gospel musical-drama for all ages that fuses themes of faith and redemption with a soaring score, will have its New Jersey premiere this summer at Crossroads Theatre Company in New Brunswick, July 1-4-Aug. 2.

First produced by the Negro Ensemble Company for sold-out audiences at New York's Samuel Beckett Theatre last summer, Another Chance is the debut work of New Brunswick playwright Melanie Marie Ford, a city native whose career has spanned the arts, education, religion and city government. It is produced by Dreams Come True, Inc. of New Brunswick.

Another Chance is the story of a wayward youth known as "D.J.," whose tragic loss of his parents and sister has destroyed his hope and self-respect. Conflicted, D.J. falls into a lifestyle of crime, rebelling against family, and denying God's purpose for his life. Jasmine, a preacher's



The gospel musical drama, "Another Chance" features Eunice Newkirk as "Nana" and Neko Parham as "D.J." (Photo by Carmen de Jesus)

daughter, and Nana, his grandmother, speaks sensitively and sensibly to him and helps him find his way from the brink of self-destruction through faith.

D.J.'s journey is infused with nine original contemporary gospel and rap compositions by Ford, scheduled for release on CD in June. They include "You've Got Something," an affirmation of love, "Ok, God, Let's Talk," D.J.'s confession of self-doubt, "I Won't Compromise," in which Jasmine defends her convictions, and "Another Chance," a message of triumph for all mankind.

Playwright Melanie Marie Ford was born and raised in New Brunswick and graduated from Brown University with a degree in political science. She pursued a career in theatre, performing off-Broadway in Shades Of Harlem, which premiered at New York's Village Gate and toured the U.S., Italy and France. As an administrator at Crossroads Theatre Company for 10 years, Ford

developed and administered the African American College Initiative Program, a collaboration with historically black colleges and universities. She also was director of Crossroads' Community and Education Department, which served more than 15,000 young people and adults.

An active member of Abundant Life Family Worship Center in New Brunswick, Ford first conceived Another Chance seven years ago. "The play illustrates the forging power of God and his unconditional love for all mankind," Ford says. "D.J. has gone off the beaten track and many people would want to lock him up and throw away the key."

ANOTHER CHANCE shows times are Tuesdays - Fridays 8 p.m., Saturdays 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for singles, \$22.50 for groups of 20 or more, and \$20 for preview performance (July 14th, 15th and 16th). For tickets or information call 732-247-2981.

Acclaimed novelist receives 'Author of the Year Award'

WASHINGTON—Diane McKinney-Whetstone will join the authors' hall of fame of an African American women's literary group that unabashedly calls itself Go On Girl Book Club Inc. The prestigious award will be presented May 30 at the club's national banquet.

The author of the phenomenally successful debut novel "Tempest Rising" was selected from a pool of books written by notables such as Tina McElroy Anna, Dorothy West, J. California Cooper, Walter Mosley and Dawn Turner Tice.

"This award is particularly gratifying because it comes directly from the reader, African American women who are passionate about literature," said McKinney-Whetstone.

Go On Girl Book Club Inc. is 29 chapters-strong with 350 members ranging in age from twenty-something to sixty-something of varied professional backgrounds. Essence Magazine Executive Editor Monique Greenwood was among a handful of founders of the book club, which unites book lovers to celebrate works written by persons of African descent. The club has also flexed its collective consumer muscle, influ-



McKinney-Whetstone and her book Tempest Rising

encing the publishing world with its assertion that African Americans are a significant segment of the literary market.

Sam Salter

Making an unabashed foray into the music industry as a singer/songwriter, Sam Salter has emerged from behind pen and ink to take center stage with "On Tonight," his debut album on LaFace Records. Salter unlike many of his counterparts — favors a less traveled road. Instead of the now standard practice of recycled school-favorites to achieve sought-after platinum status, Salter flexes his artistic muscle to create a collection of original melodies that alternate between steamy ballads and infectious, mid-tempo grooves.

For Salter, separating himself from the clutter of today's sexually-explicit materialism prevalent in much of today's music is not intentional — it's his modus operandi. "I'd like to think that what I put into my songs will make me stand out. I read the lyrics, I go through it and put myself into the mood of the song, so that when I get behind the mike it's magic."



Quote of the week

"You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise."
Maya Angelou

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